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KARATE CHOP.

Iwa Yama Karate Club instructor Linda Greening, left, instructs student Georgia Holliday during a drill at the club's practice at Ross Ford School on Nov. 18.

Town administrators recommending slight tax increase for 2015

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town administrators are recommending a 1.9 per cent increase in municipal taxes for 2015.

The increase was presented to councillors during an all-day meeting on Nov. 21 in which the operating budget was presented to councillors for debate. The session was led by Nita Bartholow, the town's chief financial officer, while managers of various departments presented their individual wants list to councillors for the upcoming year.

The public relations budget of council has been tentatively increased by \$3,000 to \$7,000 for 2015 to take into account an expected increase in the amount of requests for facility rental discounts.

Council remuneration was suggested to increase as well, to \$2,089 per month for the mayor from the current \$2,025 per month. It was also suggested that the deputy mayor receive a \$100 per month raise to \$1,625 per month in 2015. Councillors

would receive a \$38 per month increase to \$1,247 per month.

The travel and subsistence budgets for each council member is suggested to increase by \$1,000 per councillor to \$4,000 each while the mayor's budget is scheduled to remain the same as 2014 at \$5,000. Council members use these budgets to pay for travel and conference fees.

Derek Sutherland, the town's manager of protective services, told councillors that because community peace officers are dealing with more weekend calls, it would be preferable to hire another community peace officer that could deal with traffic enforcement and assist with bylaw enforcement.

A new officer would cost about \$80,000 in 2015, plus an additional \$5,000 for computer, phone, training, and uniform costs. Sutherland estimated a new officer could generate \$25,000 in revenue for the town, costing the municipality \$50,000 in the first year.

Because fire Chief Pat Doddman's work duties

take him away from the community for extensive periods of time, administration recommended that Sutherland take on more of the chief's administrative role in 2015.

Sutherland said the fire department currently has 35 members and has closed recruiting for the time being. He said one of the challenges the department had in the past was training new recruits several times during the same year, posing a challenge for those conducting the training.

"Next year we really want to only have one rookie class," he said.

It was suggested that the town negotiate splitting the cost of a new set of self-contained breathing apparatus for all the firefighters with Mountain View County. The equipment is estimated to cost \$158,000. Other equipment needs the fire department is asking for include replacing four positive pressure ventilation fans at \$12,400 and sets of new bunker gear costing a total of \$15,000.

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Church continues raising funds for African village

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Venue Church partnered on Nov. 22 with Fashions on Main for the third year to raise money for Roret, a small community in southwest Kenya.

Part of the evening at the Didsbury Memorial Complex involved community members modelling fashions from the Didsbury boutique. The evening also featured a live

and silent auction and raised more than \$13,000 in donations.

Event organizer Cathy Jackson said the Venue Church is working with a church in Roret to help the community of about 4,000 develop a source of fresh water, medical care for the community and a school. The community's water is rendered undrinkable by volcanic activity, has no medical care and no school. The nearest fresh water and school are about five kilometres from the community.

"We just decided over the last few years ... that we were going to raise money to drill a well there for fresh water and also to develop a school and public health initiatives there," she said.

The church purchased land about two kilometres outside the community in November 2012 to drill a water well on. Geologists have verified that the water on the land is drinkable, and now the church is in the process of getting title to the land.

The nearest drinkable water is about five kilometres away but since it's from a stream, it's quite turbid and muddy, Jackson said.

The church recently organized a kindergarten to Grade 2 school, but since only about 40 children attend, it's hoped the school can be expanded in the near future. The next nearest school is five kilometres away. Families must pay for a uniform and all other expenses related to schooling. Children must also walk the five kilometres to go to the school.

"If you can't afford any of that, you don't go to school. Lots of kids in the village don't go to school because they can't afford it or they're too young to walk that distance," Jackson said.

The church is hoping to organize medical care in the community as well. "We'd like to see if we can start some public health initiatives with those kids, maybe getting dental treatment first," she said.



Paul Frey/MVP Staff

Kathy Hancock was one of the models that showed off fashions from Fashions on Main during a fundraising event on Nov. 22.

Jackson said Venue Church is hopeful in developing many more initiatives in the community, but must make local contacts first.

"In Africa, it's about who you know. It's really important to build relationships there so that's what we've been doing for the last few years, getting to know who is in the community. But water's the biggest thing right now. If we can get water in the village that's going to be a huge thing," she said.

DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS

ATOM: Billy Hooson

Age: 9 Position: Centre, Right Wing



Billy's favourite hockey team is the Calgary Flames. He loves pizza and the colour yellow. His favourite hockey player is Alex Ovechkin.

ATOM: Teagan Walker

Age: 9 Position: Defence



Teagan likes to paint nails and ride horses. She likes to hang out with her friends and her favourite hockey team is the LA Kings.

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NOVICE: Brendan Fifield

Age: 7 Position: Defence



Brendan likes to play hockey, inline and golf. He likes going to school and his favourite hockey team is the Toronto Maple Leafs. His favourite food is cheese pizza.

NOVICE: Aaron Sawatsky

Age: 6



Aaron loves to work on the farm, especially with the cows. His favourite sport is hockey and he likes the colour green. His favourite song is The Good 'Ol Hockey Game.

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Colts lose a pair to division rivals

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts lost a pair of games to northern division rivals last week in Heritage Junior Hockey League action, leaving the team in fourth place with a 9-7-2 record.

The Colts lost 5-3 to the Red Deer Vipers on Nov. 19 and then fell 4-3 to the Stettler Lightning on Nov. 22 in Stettler. The Colts remain stuck at 20 points, two behind the Three Hills Thrashers, but five points ahead of the Vipers.

On Nov. 19, neither

team got much going on offence during the first period, with both teams playing a fairly close checking style. The Vipers managed to take a 2-1 lead into the locker room after the first period on goals by Cole deGraaf and Colton Weseen. Evan Thompson replied for the Colts.

After a scoreless second period in which the Colts slightly outshot the Vipers 11-7, the Colts bombarded Vipers goaltender Rylan Bardick with 24 shots in the third period, to just 11 shots that Colts goaltender Jake Carlson saw in that

frame.

The Vipers took a 3-1 lead early in the third period with the Colts fighting back on a goal by Jason Edwards just 12 seconds later at 4:44. Colton Anderson then picked the top corner with a slapshot to even the game with just over six minutes left to play.

In the last two minutes of the game, Clinton Armitage was called for a check to the head, putting the Colts one man down. The Vipers capitalized on the power play, with Dennis Spearing scoring the game winner at 19:16.

The Colts then gambled, pulling Carlson for a sixth attacker, but Justin Corbett broke up a Colts breakout and put the puck into the empty net to seal the game.

Following the game, Colts assistant coach Brent Youngs said the strategy in the final minute was to get the puck deep in the Vipers' end.

"The whole idea when you pull the goalie is to get the puck deep in their end and we just didn't do it. We had trouble getting out of our end and it just didn't bounce for us. They played a good zone

on us," he said.

Youngs said the team had renewed life after Anderson's goal, but Armitage's penalty took some steam out of the players.

"It was unfortunate we got a penalty at the end. We had a good, hard body check and we got an unfortunate call. It put us down and they got a power-play goal. It's a tough way to lose the game," he said.

After what Youngs said was a good first period for the Colts, the players were less committed in the final 40 minutes.

"I thought we just didn't have the intensity that we needed. We played at their level and we ended up losing," he said.

As for the game in Stettler, Youngs said both teams played well, with the goaltenders each making several key saves at times throughout the game.

"Both teams played good, hard hockey. We got into penalty trouble in the third period which caused us to lose momentum. We played close to the first five minutes of the third period short-handed," he said.

Dawson Lane, Chad Jamieson and Edwards scored the goals for the Colts in Stettler.

The Colts next play in Banff and Okotoks before returning home to play the Coaldale Copperheads on Dec. 6.



Noel West/MVP Staff

Mountainview Colts player Kevin Vandenhoven works the puck near the net during the Colts' game against the Red Deer Vipers at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on Nov. 19.

Dragons preparing for another season on hardcourt

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School Dragons are preparing for another season on the basketball court, with both the boys and girls teams each holding initial practices last week in preparation for the season which should get underway in the next couple of weeks.

For the senior boys, they had one practice last week, with new coach Gary Griffiths getting his first look at some of the hopefuls that will be putting on Dragons colours in a couple of weeks.

There were about a dozen players that showed up for the first practice on Nov. 20, with Griffiths saying that about five more players are expected

for the team's practice today.

"We have some good talent and some keen players. Unfortunately, with the amount of players we're getting, there is going to be some cuts," he said.

For the senior girls, coach Henry Paulgaard said six girls from last year's team that participated in the provincial championship tournament will be returning to the team.

Five of those girls are entering their last year of high school, giving the team plenty of experience to draw upon. With the remaining players in Grade 10, Paulgaard said the team is looking to be a good mix of youthful enthusiasm and experience.

"They're full of energy and they've got some good skill sets so if we work hard we're hoping

for a good start to the season," he said.

Paulgaard said after the third practice last week, he was encouraged by what he saw.

"I've seen a lot of intensity, a lot of good teamwork and everybody seems to be coming with a good positive attitude, so I'm excited for the year," he said.

With the provincial tournament experience in their back pocket from last season, Paulgaard said the returning players are full of optimism. He said after the team's first few games, the group will have a better idea of what it wants to accomplish for the coming season.

Including tournaments, the girls expect to play about 35 games this season. Although as of last week a final

Chinook's Edge South Athletic Association schedule had not been set, Paulgaard said the team would be travelling to Drumheller December 5 and 6 for a tournament and also be playing a set the next weekend in Acme.

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Opinion

Editorial

Can extra taxation make for healthier residents?



DAN SINGLETON

With obesity among residents of all ages continuing to be a health concern in Alberta and across Canada, the Canadian Medical Association has put out a call for government action.

In its latest editorial in the *CMA Journal*, the association said stemming the increase in obesity levels should involve not only more education and public awareness, but also government intervention in the form of higher taxes on so-called

junk foods and drinks.

"Our government needs to consider taxation as a tool to combat the consumption of these addictive food and beverages, just as it regulates the sale of alcohol and tobacco products for the purposes of population health," write Dr. John Fletcher and Dr. Kirsten Patrick, the editorial's authors.

"We need incentive beyond educational messages. Strategies that include individual interventions, school-based nutrition and activity interventions should continue.

"However we also need robust ways to restrict portion sizes and reduce the sale of sugar-sweetened beverages and other high-calorie, nutritionally poor food products."

With health-care costs continuing to climb, including in West Central Alberta, trying to ensure residents live healthy lives only makes sense, both financially and for society in general.

Yet whether that worthwhile goal can be achieved by making junk food and junk drinks more expensive, and therefore presumably less attractive to people, remains an open question.

The case of tobacco taxation may be a good example of what can sometimes happen when governments try to reduce bad behaviour by making people pay for their sins.

While heavy taxation of cigarettes has probably led to fewer young people taking up the habit in recent years, it has also had the unfortunate side effect of leading to the governments themselves becoming "addicted" to tobacco revenue.

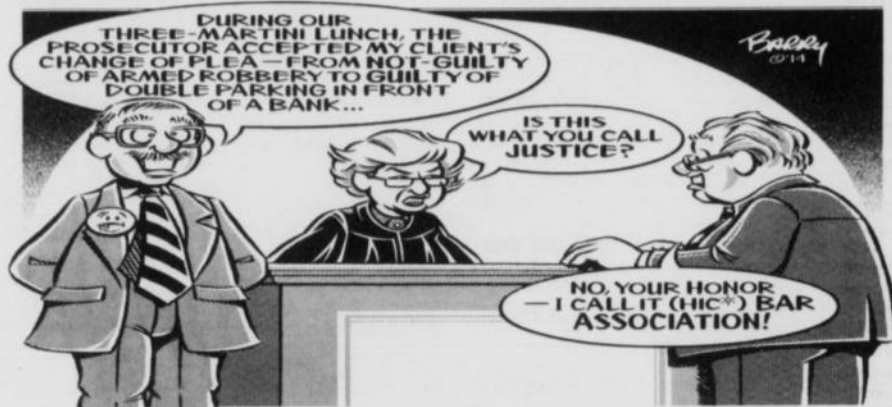
Instead of putting the tobacco tax revenue directly into health care, governments today put the money into general coffers, considering it to be part of the overall revenue stream.

That, in turn, has arguably led to a marked reluctance on the part of some governments to take much stronger action against tobacco, such as outright prohibitions.

No one can doubt that Canada's doctors have the health and welfare of citizens at heart when they make this call for the extraordinary taxation of junk food and junk beverages.

Unfortunately increasing taxation by itself is probably no guarantee that people will gobble down less of the junk foods they love.

What it would almost certainly guarantee would be a new government addiction to yet another sin-tax revenue stream, with all its future consequences.



Commentary

With deficit slayed, tax relief should top Ottawa's agenda

BY CHARLES LAMMAM AND MILAGROS PALACIOS
Troy Media

After seven years of budget deficits and over \$160 billion in new debt, the federal government confirmed in its financial update on Nov. 12 that it expects to record a surplus next year. With the deficit set for elimination, now is the time to shift focus on ways to lay the foundation for stronger economic growth and increased prosperity. Using the new fiscal room for pro-growth tax relief warrants serious consideration.

Starting in 2015-16 and up to 2019-20, the government expects to run cumulative surpluses of \$31.2 billion. Its projections include an annual \$3-billion contingency buffer, so the surpluses could actually total as much as \$46.2 billion. That leaves substantial fiscal room for enacting tax changes that improve Canada's competitiveness and put the country on a stronger economic footing.

The expected surpluses would have been higher had the government not already used part of them on a series of initiatives announced last month including family income splitting for tax purposes (limited by a cap), an expansion of the Universal Child Care Benefit, an increase in the Child Care Expense Deduction limit, a doubling of the Children's Fitness Tax Credit, and a new tax credit for small businesses. The cumulative price tag of these initiatives is \$27.5 billion (from 2014-15 to 2019-20) or roughly \$5 billion annually once fully implemented.

If the government's goal is to enact "prudent" new measures that encourage economic growth and "boost job creation," other

options would generate greater economic bang for the buck.

Flash back to the late 1990s when the federal government last eliminated a deficit. The public debate about how best to use the so-called "fiscal dividend" led to the then Liberal government enacting an important series of tax reforms that helped usher in a period of strong economic performance.

The Liberals used the surpluses to reduce personal income taxes, lower capital gains taxes, and set in motion a multi-year reduction in the corporate tax rate that has made Canada's business tax regime more competitive with the United States.

But the federal pro-growth tax reform agenda has since largely stalled. The major tax reductions enacted by the Conservatives have been limited to decreasing the GST rate, following through on scheduled reductions to the corporate tax rate, and creating several tax credits for particular individuals or activities that have complicated the tax code. The personal income tax rate structure has essentially been unchanged.

Therein lies a major opportunity for maximizing the economic impact of the fiscal dividend today.

A recent study surveying the existing research on marginal tax rates clearly shows that high and increasing personal income tax rates discourage investment and entrepreneurship, which form the basis for a thriving economy. The same study shows that Canada is uncompetitive on personal income tax rates and the income levels at which they apply.

Consecutive federal governments, both Liberal (in 2005) and Conservative (in 2006), have identified the destructive effect

of Canada's personal income tax rates. Indeed, the Conservatives highlighted the need to reduce personal income tax rates well before any mention of income splitting.

Broad-based tax relief in the form of lower personal income tax rates would improve Canada's competitiveness and strengthen our economy by encouraging productive activity like increased work effort, saving, investment, and entrepreneurship.

Another option is for the Conservatives to take a page from the 1990s Liberal playbook and reduce capital gains taxes, which apply to the sale of assets when the selling price exceeds the original purchase price. This may not be the sexiest policy topic heading into an election year but the reality is that capital gains taxes impose enormous economic costs and bring in relatively little revenue in return (just 1.1 per cent of total federal revenues).

A wealth of research shows that eliminating or at least reducing capital gains taxes would increase the supply and lower the cost of capital for new and expanding firms, leading to higher levels of entrepreneurship, economic growth, and job creation.

The Conservatives should be commended for sticking to their commitment to the balance budget.

But balancing the budget cannot become an end in itself or it can come to serve as a justification for spending increases with limited economic benefit.

Reducing personal income tax rates and capital gains taxes would be a productive use of future surpluses.

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Local businesswoman warns about scam callers

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

A local businesswoman is warning people to be wary of someone fraudulently claiming to be from her office and attempting to scam people.

Didsbury real estate agent Cindy Tippe received a call from a local woman on the morning of Nov. 18 informing her that someone was using Tippe's telephone number and allegedly attempting to perpetrate frauds on unsuspecting people. The woman told Tippe she had received such a call, but became suspicious and thought she should inform Tippe of the situation.

The person allegedly used Tippe's telephone number but was claiming to be from WestJet and attempted to secure credit card informa-

tion and other personal details from unsuspecting people.

"My concern is I've never seen online call spoofing. I truly think it would be a service to (warn) people."

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telephone number was
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Tippe said as a result of the call, she informed the RCMP and Telus that someone was erroneously using her telephone number. The RCMP advised her to contact the national anti-fraud

centre.

"My concern is I've never seen online call spoofing," she said, noting that she wanted to make people aware that their telephone number could be hacked to perpetrate telemarketing fraud. "I truly think it would be a service to people. It's pretty sad when you have to be so cynical."

Tippe said she was concerned that in her view, both Telus and the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission are powerless to stop such abuse.

"There has to be some prevention in place. I'm really alarmed by this," she added.

Tippe said while she is alarmed that someone could be impersonating her in order to commit a fraud, she is more alarmed at the clever use of a con to potentially defraud unwitting

people.

"It's frustrating and infuriating when your name is being used for unlawful activity," she said.

When asked about

such schemes, Const. Keith Gill of the Didsbury RCMP said while sophisticated hackers can and do use technology to hijack legitimate telephone numbers to try

and perpetrate frauds, potential victims need to remain suspicious just as they would with any telemarketing fraud and hang up when they receive any such calls.

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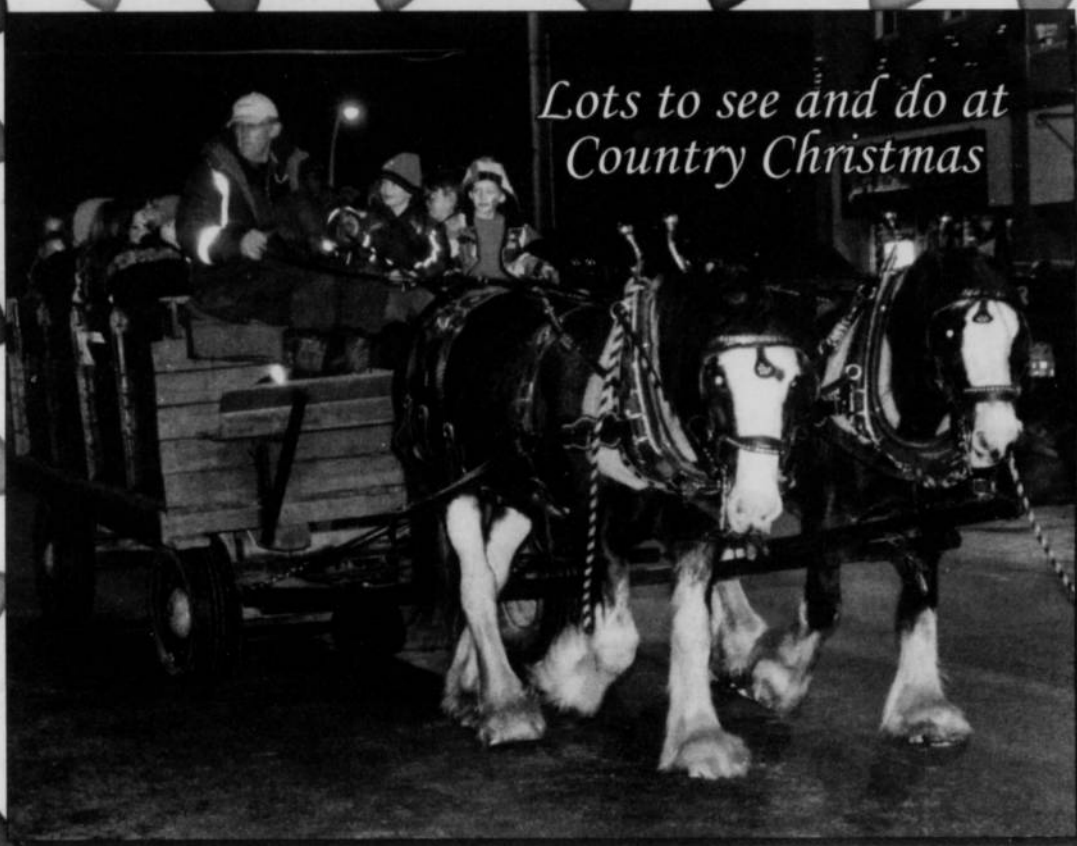
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The Coutts residence won the 2013 award for the small yard category.

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2015 budget 'fair' to taxpayers, says mayor

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Mayor Rick Mousseau said he thinks the town's provisional budget that will be passed in December is shaping up to be a good one in terms of achieving balance between giving residents the projects and services they want while keeping taxes affordable.

Town administrators gave council members a first look last week at the 2015 budget that administrators had been working on for the last few months. Council members considered a combined capital and operating budget totalling \$11,132,445 for 2015. As it currently stands, council members were favouring a 1.9 per cent municipal tax rate increase for 2015.

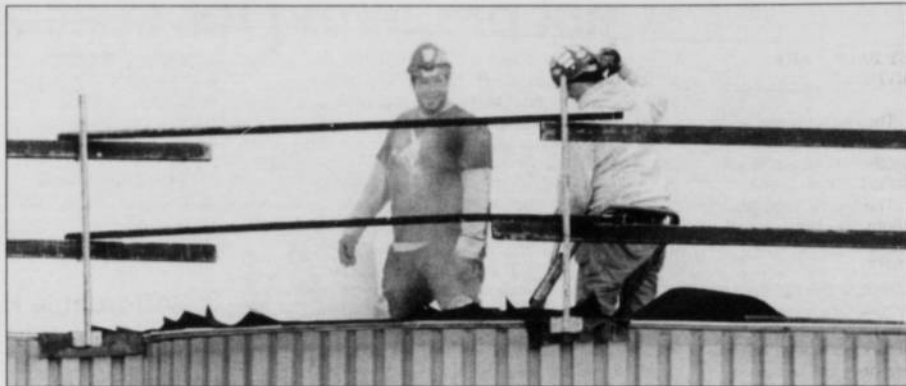
"As far as the tax rate, we'll have to wait until what assessments are like when they come in in February, but as far as things are looking, it's looking pretty good. I think (the increase) is pretty fair," Mousseau said.

Nita Bartholow, the town's chief financial officer, said she tried in this budget to give residents the type of projects that would have curb appeal while also allowing for other necessary projects such as the lagoon upgrade.

"Building a lagoon, people don't see it. They see sidewalks, they see new roads, they see flowers ... and I want to see Main Ave. redone. And we are working toward having major projects (done in the near future). And there's a lot of work to get those projects set up and planning done," she said.

Bartholow has included \$800,000 in amortization costs in the budget this year, equalling about 80 per cent of the yearly total.

She said ideally the town would fund more amortization costs, but she hopes that can be increased in the future.



A construction crew works on the roof of the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Nov. 20.

Noel West/MVP Staff

Budget

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Librarian Inez Kosinski said the library is asking for \$180,000 for library operations, \$20,000 to repair a leaky roof that also affects the town office and \$8,000 for upgrades to the heating and ventilation system.

Kosinski also said that the library board is actively saving money for a new library for a move at some point in the future.

Bartholow said she believed that because the library is a municipal operation, the board shouldn't be setting

money aside for capital needs, but should instead be concentrating on operations. Bartholow said she would research whether the board should be setting money aside for capital purchases such as a new building.

There was some debate amongst council members about the support the town gives the Didsbury Museum, with most indicating they supported the museum and its mandate to tell the historical story of the community. It was suggested that the town give \$30,000 for museum operations in 2015. Bartholow said the town has paid for the museum's water and wastewater bill over the last few years and last year it totalled about \$1,000.

Bartholow said from a purely financial perspective, she thought the town shouldn't neces-

sarily be supporting the museum. She said the town should support the museum's efforts to gain more revenue from other sources.

"It's not a real positive thing for a municipality to contribute to a (non-municipal function)," she said.

Council members also went through a list of capital projects totalling \$849,000, with general agreement that some projects should go ahead in 2015, while others could be deferred. Council members agreed that roof repairs estimated to cost between \$40,000 and \$60,000 to the town office/library, should go ahead in 2015. Other items council members thought they should support in 2015 included purchasing a steam unit to clear ice from drains, purchasing meter reading equipment, and pur-


chasing an LED sign to replace the current town sign near the entrance to town.

Projects that were deferred for the future included improving the ball diamonds at Memorial Park, installing a chain-link fence at the public works shop and laying down chip seal on the road leading to the golf course.

At the start of the discussion on Nov. 21, Roy Brown, the town's chief administrative officer, reminded council members that their job was to prioritize what they thought should be the immediate needs of the community.

"We can't afford everything. It comes down to priorities," he said.

Council members will go through the budget again during discussions on Dec. 9.



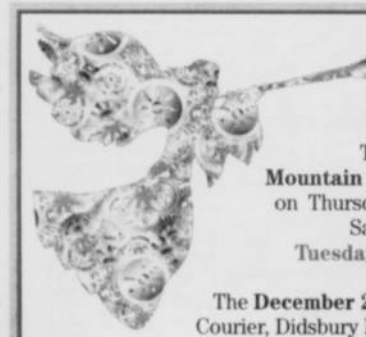
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Cast preparing for seasonal play

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The cast and crew of *The Grinch* are busily preparing for the production which is set to begin on Dec. 3.

The production involves about 25 actors from the Didsbury High School (DHS) theatre group, plus about a dozen students working on set design and production aspects. The actors have been rehearsing since the beginning of September on the well-known Dr. Seuss story.

"The best part of it is probably the experience with it. I was in the play last year as well, and just the whole experience with it made me want to come back (this year), because there is times where it's a bit rough and you get irritated with it at the start of it, because you want to make sure everything is good. But altogether it's been really great," said Patrick Everett, a Grade 10 student who plays the mayor of Whoville.

"We've been putting a

lot of effort into it and a lot of us were almost off-book after the first two weeks, knowing the lines, ... so it's moving along and I'm looking forward to the shows."

Everett said for the most part the cast has worked well together, with a small bump in the road at the beginning, as everyone got to know their parts and each other while incorporating new Grade 9 actors into the production. He was in his first production last year.

"The first week or so was rocky but after that it's gone a lot more smoothly," he said.

Mikaela Munn, a Grade 12 student who plays Cindy Lou Who, said everyone seems to be comfortable in their roles and cast members bring a lot of energy to the production. She has also been in the drama group since Grade 9.

"Everyone's really putting in a good effort for this play which hopefully will come out good," she said.

Munn said one of the best parts of the production has been that everyone has been able to relax and show the fun aspects of their personalities. "The wonderful thing about drama is that it allows you to really be yourself and allow your quirky side to come out, and just feel like nobody's judging you because everyone is just as wacky and weird as you are," she said.

Cali Beazley, the play's director, said there is a large group of Grade 9 actors involved with the production this year. Many actors in last year's production were outgoing Grade 12 students.

"It's a new dynamic. It's a new team working together and they've done really well. My Grade 9s are eager and excited about doing the production," she said.

Beazley said since the

actors have been working so diligently on the well-known story, she hopes that audience members will enjoy the play.

"The whole school gets involved and the attitude is that we want to put on the best show that we can for the whole commu-

nity," she added.

The play runs on December 3 and 4 at DHS. Tickets are available at the school office.



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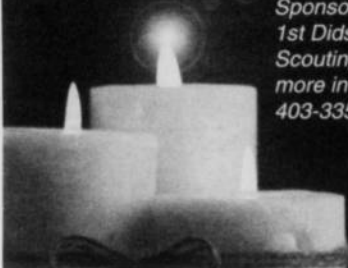
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REGNER, Emil

Emil Regner passed away on Monday, November 17, 2014 at the age of 100 years.

Emil Regner was born to Daniel and Regina Regner on October 28, 1914 in Borodino, Bessarabia, Rumania. He was the oldest of three sons. He was baptized in the Christian faith on Nov. 2, 1914 and confirmed in the Lutheran faith April 12, 1928. When he was 14 years old he immigrated to Canada along with his parents and brothers Robert and Arnold. They settled in Spondin, Alberta. Here he received 2 months of schooling which turned out to be the only formal education he received in Canada. Despite this he taught himself how to read and did an enormous amount of reading.

He then went to work for various neighbors in the community, hauling feed in the wintertime using horses, and in the summertime walking behind horses plowing the fields. He did all of this for about \$5.00 a month (which he took home and gave to his dad to help support the family).

He was a humble man --and didn't like to be in the forefront of anything.

In 1923 he married Hilda Lehman and they continued to farm in the Spondin area until 1949 when they moved to Carstairs area. They farmed there until 1975 at which time they retired to Didsbury.

Emil loved the farm and helped with whatever he could as long as he was able.

He was a life long member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury and his greatest joy was seeing all of his family in church on a Sunday morning.

Emil was predeceased by his wife, Hilda; his parents, Dan and Regina; brothers, Arnold and Robert; sisters-in-law, Marta and Linda; and son-in-law, Larry Krebs.

He is lovingly remembered by his children, Art (Bev), Gloria (John), Richard (Audrey), Bob (Linda), Don (Leone); grandchildren, Shawna (Alan), Kevin (Louise), Darren (Kim), Michelle (Ron), Jackie (Cody), Betina (Jody), Lisa (Kyle), Tara (Cory), Mike, Mark, Kayla (Eryk); 18 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service for Emil will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, in Didsbury, AB on Saturday November 22 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Rob Mohs officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 1500 - 23 Street, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0 or the charity of your choice.



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SMITH, Pauline

Pauline Smith passed away Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the age of 100 years. Pauline was born in Mossey River, Manitoba, January 5, 1914, the first of 8 children of the Molden Family. Her father Yerko Molden was employed by the CPR which took his young family to many different

locations from Manitoba to Alberta and back. Pauline called home places like: Mossey River, MB, Menik, AB, Rocky Mountain House, AB, Bott, AB, Compeer, SK, Halkirk, AB, Monitor, AB and back again to Compeer, SK, and Coronation, AB. As a teenager and beyond she supported herself between school and work in a post office, laundry, hotel and as a care giver. She met Ian Smith in her youth in Compeer, Sask. and the two got married in Calgary in 1940. Here, Pauline worked again in a laundry until they moved to Didsbury in 1947. In Didsbury she helped Ian as a parts person in the GM dealership until Ian's passing in 1970. After Ian's passing Pauline supported herself by doing office work for the Chamber of Commerce, Church maintenance and odd jobs that became available. She was an active member and secretary of St. Anthony's CWL for many years and lived in her happy, little home on 24th Ave. A mishap in 2005 made it impossible for her to live by herself anymore and she has called Chinook Winds Lodge in Carstairs her home until her passing. Pauline is survived by two siblings, Pearl and Mike and numerous nieces and nephews and many close friends. She will be sadly missed and remembered by all who knew her as a generous, pious, and intelligent person. A Funeral Mass was held in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Didsbury, AB on November 24, 2014. May she rest in Peace. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca.



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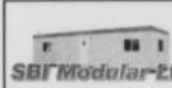
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The Wollen family would like to take this opportunity to express our love and gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to our Mom, **Winnie Wollen**. She had so many wonderful friends and relatives in the Didsbury area who regularly visited and cared for her. A special thank you to Dr. Diane Smith, Companions Caring 4 U and the extraordinary staff at Aspen Ridge Lodge.

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1078 sq. ft. mobile on its own lot, lots of upgrades in recent years, metal roof, 3 bedrooms, fenced back yard, great starter or revenue home.

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830 Stonehaven Dr., Carstairs



Brand new 1575 sq ft 2 storey, 3 bedrooms plus upper floor den, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, large yard backing onto Carstairs golf course.

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2143 - 18 Avenue



3 bedroom bungalow with many main floor and exterior upgrades, country kitchen with newer white cabinetry, vinyl windows, large lot, single detached garage, backs onto park.

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221 Valarosa Place



Gorgeous family home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, tankless hot water, in floor heat in basement, heated bathroom floors on main, detached garage.

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1 Mile South of Didsbury



Terrific acreage on pavement, 2.67 acres, 1392 sq ft character home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, older barn, lots of mature trees and room to roam.

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37 Sandpiper Drive



3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, open plan, great basement setup for entertaining, fully fenced, nice subdivision near the high school.

\$369,900

1203 - 21 Street



Over 1400 sq ft bungalow, recent upgrades, 3 + 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, tankless hot water system, walk up from basement, double heated detached garage.

\$284,900

3.16 Acres Near Didsbury



1180 sq ft home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, 18' X 26' heated workshop, 40' X 60' quonset, on pavement, great little hobby farm set-up

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46 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Spacious floor plan in this 50+ condo unit, hardwood floors, coffered ceiling in living room, gas fireplace, amazing ensuite, covered rear deck with gas hookup, double garage, close to the golf course.

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